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CARIBBEAN
COLLECTIVE**

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ANNUALREPORT

2024/2025



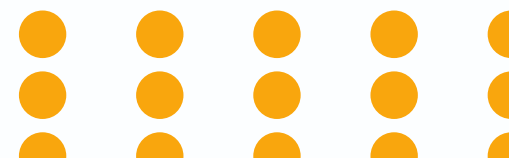
Agenda

Annual General Meeting

11 October 2025

Caribbean Court Day Centre
Leicester

2pm to 4pm

1. Welcome and introductions
 2. Minutes of the last AGM (01/02/2025) and matters arising
 3. Reports and accounts
 - Chairperson's report
 - Treasurer's report and accounts for the period ended 31 March 2025
(Full Financial Report is in a separate document)
 - Questions and Answers
 4. Trustees
 - Election of Trustees
 5. Caribbean Island Associations
 - *representatives from various Caribbean associations will speak about their aims and work*
 6. Any Other Business
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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Caribbean Collective (formerly Leicester Jamaica Community Service Group) has been serving the people of Leicester since the early 1970s. We exist to enhance the health and wellbeing of people aged over 50, particularly those of African and Caribbean heritage. We work in partnership with other groups and organisations to achieve this.

As it is Black history month, it is most fitting that we celebrate the achievements of the so named 'Windrush Generation', the pioneers that paved the way for the work we continue and work that we benefit from now. In particular, we recognise the founders and members of this organisation who arrived in this country from the Caribbean between the 1940s and 1970s. I salute those that have served and retired from the Board of Trustees, and those that are no longer with us.

Year 2024/2025 Overview

Once again, a year of great challenges has been met head-on by our small and dedicated staff team, volunteers, and trustees. All are highly committed and willing to go above and beyond expectations. Paid staff has been limited to: three Care Workers, one Driver, and one Passenger Support Worker. Cleaning, catering and finance roles are contracted out. We also have two project-based workers funded for a limited time by the National Lottery Community Fund – a Development Worker and a Volunteer Coordinator.

We still have insufficient funds to afford a Day Centre Coordinator, so that role is met by our very hands-on trustees who have appropriate levels of skills and experience between them. This arrangement is not ideal or sustainable in the long term. We will continue to seek funding to fill this position.



Day Centre and Satellite Activities

Day care attendance has been in line with our staffing compliment and space. There continues to be a trend towards service users with a higher level of dependency. With the help of volunteers, we have delivered a range of stimulating 'in centre activities' including arts and crafts, armchair exercise, bible sessions, cooking, dominoes and gardening.

With the support of New Testament Church of God, Shiloh Pentecostal Church and Highfields Community Association, trips and outings have continued throughout the year despite the limitations of our ailing minibus. Regular shopping trips, trips to green spaces and places of local interest have taken place. There have also been trips to Birmingham and to Skegness.

Caribbean Catchup (Bingo, Music, Quiz & Chat)

This began as an online alternative to attending the day centre during COVID times. It has continued ever since and provides a Zoom linkup between an open online group and those attending the daycentre on a Wednesday afternoon. It remains a good social opportunity for people who may be isolated due to health, mobility or circumstances such as being in residential care.

Seniors Day Dance

Developed and delivered in partnership with the African Caribbean Centre, The Exotics and other seniors' groups. On the third Thursday of each month this music and dance event has continued to appeal to elders, seniors and others! There is no lower age limit. The timing and accessibility mean that people up to the age of 104 have attended as well as people from our community that are in residential care or have mobility challenges. The event is frequently attended by a group from Nottingham.

Christmas Celebration

This was planned in partnership with other community groups. It had to be moved to February 2025 due to the crowded nature of December events. This resulted in a sold-out event with over 100 guests and 20 volunteers. This success has paved the way for the event to return to December in future and the date of December 6th 2025 was booked straight away.

Elders Transport Fund and The Bus 100 Initiative

We were forced to scrap our unviable bus in March 2025 and we had to borrow and hire for a time. We are pleased to announce that as of 24th June 2025 we took delivery of a brand-new purpose-built bus. We had a soft launch date on 26th June for contributors before showcasing the 100% community funded bus at this year's carnival.

Trustees examined a range of quotes and finance options before settling on the following option: hire purchase for a Citroen Relay Flexilite Minibus @ £46,221. Cash deposit of £6,221 and balance financed £40,000. Repayments are 60 months @ £823.00. Payments are made each month from the Elders Transport Fund, which consists of community donations.

Thanks to all those who work and support us with such energy and dedication. I would like to thank all our staff, volunteers, trustees and those that have assisted with donations. You continue to make our mission possible.



Our National Lottery Funded Projects

The National Lottery Heritage and Community Funds have enabled us to deliver a range of projects in-house and beyond.

The Livity Programmes (cognitive stimulation therapy) were delivered over 14 sessions with a total of 35 participants. Volunteer students from a local university were trained to support and then facilitate the programmes. Two programmes were delivered in our Day Centre, one in a care home and others in a local community centre.

The Digital Literacy work took place in several residential homes which accommodated people of Caribbean heritage. Volunteers were recruited from Juniper Training, together with students from DeMontfort University. The volunteers supported the residents to access our weekly on-line Caribbean Connect sessions. We found this to be an excellent way to reach out to Caribbean people who are often culturally isolated in care homes.

Our Community Wellbeing work has been in collaboration with the African Heritage Alliance. We have developed resources and opportunities for older people and collaborated on events addressing dementia, diabetes and hypertension together with weekly wellness sessions and an annual health and wellness event..

Intergenerational work

The Steel Pan sessions took place with our elders and school children aged 7-9 who learnt to play music together. This culminated in two assembly performances at the school. With another school, a virtual meeting was held between women who arrived in England during the 50s, 60s and 70s and school children. They shared their stories and lived experiences.

The Carry Back Project

This focused on documenting and celebrating the rich heritage of individuals aged 60 and above from Caribbean backgrounds residing in the UK. Young people were trained in oral history techniques and then they recorded interviews with the elders. Our approach to heritage preservation, combined with a strong focus on intergenerational dialogue and community engagement, made it a significant contribution to local cultural understanding and social cohesion. Furthermore, the project clearly brought immense enjoyment and a sense of validation to the older participants. They relished the opportunity to share their rich stories and have their heritage celebrated and documented.



TREASURER'S REPORT - FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/25

Overview

The 2024/25 year was marked by sector-wide cost pressures, notably the increase in the National Living Wage and Employer National Insurance contributions. These changes significantly raised our fixed operating costs, requiring careful financial management to sustain service delivery.

Income Summary

Pg5 - **Service Sales** – Increased from previous year:

Higher sales revenue reflected strong demand for our core services and reaffirmed the value of our charitable work.

Pg 5 - **Rental Income** – Reduced from previous year:

The apparent drop was due to the timing of overdue payments, several of which were received in the next financial year.

Pg 5 - **Bank Interest** – Reduced from previous year:

Lower interest income resulted from the strategic use of reserves to offset rising costs.

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Expenditure Summary

Despite external pressures, spending remained well controlled, with targeted investments in key areas.

Pg 8 Note 3 **Staffing Costs** - Salaries & NIC costs appeared lower than previous year but were offset by temporary contractor expenses during maternity and sickness leave cover. Minimum wage and NI increases remain ongoing challenges.

Pg 8 Note 3 **Vehicle expenses** - Significant savings achieved after decommissioning the old vehicle.

Pg 8 Note 3 **Rent** - Reduced payments reflected a correction of a prior-year overpayment to P A Housing.

Pg 8 Note 4 **Fundraising** - Strategic fundraising supported the successful replacement of the minibus, ensuring continued service mobility.

Pg 8 Note 4 **Cleaning** - These costs reduced from previous year as that year included extended deep cleaning of the complete kitchen extractor fan unit. Such extensive cleaning was not required this year.

Pg 8 Note 4 **Administration** - These costs reduced from previous year as we stopped using a sessional administrator

Conclusion & Outlook

Strong cost control and increased service income helped navigate a challenging financial year. Reserves were used prudently to maintain operations and invest in essential assets. The focus for 2025/26 will be to reduce contractor costs, rebuild reserves, and sustain steady income growth.



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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Income & Expenditure					
Incoming Resources:					
Sales		170,114	0	170,114	149,642
National Lottery Grant		0	35,776	35,776	35,810
Heritage Lottery Grant		0	9,500	9,500	0
Rental Income		13,200	0	13,200	15,660
Donations		0	0	0	0
Bank Interest		209	0	209	789
Other Income		975	0	975	4,940
Total Incoming Resources		184,498	45,276	229,773	206,841
Resources Expended:					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	3	154,593	50,702	205,295	170,497
Management & Administration	4	27,517	5,419	32,936	51,628
Publicity		969	0	969	2,829
Total Resources Expended		183,079	56,121	239,199	224,954
Net Movement in Funds		1,419	(-10,845)	(-9,426)	(-18,114)
Fund balance brought forward		8,380	15,736	24,116	41,530
Fund balance carried forward		9,799	4,891	14,690	23,416

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of this financial statement

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Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

		2025	2024
	Notes		
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets			
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	200	
Cash at Bank	7	14,490	24,116
		14,690	24,116
Current Liabilities			
Creditors	5	700	700
Net Current Assets		14,690	23,416
Net Assets		14,690	23,416

Represented by

Unrestricted Income Funds

General Purposes Fund	9,799	7,680
Restricted Income Funds		
National Lottery Grant	730	4,877
Heritage Lottery Grant	174	
Dementia Program Board	3,987	10,859
Total Funds	14,690	23,416

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and follow the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on March 2005.

Approved and signed on behalf of the trustees by:

Signature.



Date

6th October 2025

Print Name: Derek Rawle

Position. Treasurer

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of this financial statement

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Notes to the Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Note 3 Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Salaries and NIC	47,101	29,672	76,772	79,118
Pension	589	0	589	632
Recruitment	431	0	431	532
Sessional and Subcontractors	39,544	14,911	54,455	6,201
Rent	22,000	0	22,000	29,230
Rates	132	0	132	244
Telephone and Internet	1,347	0	1,347	1,189
Room Hire	0	2,250	2,250	0
Equipment Hire	1,189	0	1,189	1,012
Food Catering & Refreshments	30,562	3,869	34,431	33,469
Vehicle Expenses	6,720	0	6,720	10,846
Activities & Entertainment	0	0	0	2,576
Consultants & Professional Fees	4,980	0	4,980	1,774
Volunteers Travel & Expenses	0	0	0	3,675
	154,593	50,702	205,295	170,497
Note 4 Management & Administration	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Expenses	6,845	0	6,845	0
I T Equipment and Support	2,149	0	2,149	1,491
Premises Maintenance	317	0	317	288
Cleaning	5,911	0	5,911	8,978
Licence and Subscriptions	184	0	184	0
Administration	583	0	583	6,295
Training Costs	100	0	100	1,004
Printing, Post and Stationery	321	0	321	134
Insurance	1,120	0	1,120	1,131
Travel & Transport Costs	27	2,912	2,939	15,566
Development Fees	0	0	0	2,571
Year End Accounts	700	0	700	700
Bank Charges	326	0	326	174
General Expenses	8,934	2,507	11,441	13,295
	27,517	5,419	32,936	51,628
Note 5 Creditors	£	£	£	£
Year End Accounts	700	0	700	700
	700	0	700	700
Note 6 Debtors				
Employees Loan	200	0	200	0
	200..	0	200	0
Note 7 Bank Accounts	£	£		
Business Reserve Accounts	11,624	10,450		
Current Accounts	2,865	13,665		
	14,490	24,116		

OUR TRUSTEES



Albert Blake



Lesley-May O. Sanneh



Derek Rawle



Gloria Daley



Ivy Hamilton



Charmaine Blake



Michelle Lowe



Sandra Stanley



Lovona Brown



Gwen Cover



Sherenne Henry



Sharon Frederick

Our trustees are all unpaid volunteers who spend from 10 hours a month upwards helping to manage the organisation.

The Board of Trustees needs skills and experience in the following areas:

- financial management, income generation and enterprise
- national and local government and statutory bodies – funding and quality
- marketing and publicity including digital strategies
- care of the elderly
- food operations
- service delivery and customer care
- human resource management
- fund-raising
- facilities management
- health and safety and hygiene compliance

If you feel you can contribute do let us know by contacting the chairperson at:
albert@caribcourt.uk

We provide services that enhance the health and wellbeing of those aged over 50 with particular emphasis on the African Caribbean heritage community. We have developed expertise about our elders and we understand their needs, aspirations and the challenges they face every day.

Caribbean Court Day Centre offers social, leisure and educational activities including exercise sessions, singing, dancing, workshops and outings. We are open five days per week from 10:00 am to 3 pm. We provide lunch, stimulating activities and other support services. We have introduced a program (Livity) based on Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST) which improves the health and wellbeing of those living with dementia. We pick up and drop off clients attending the Day Centre with our specially adapted minibus.

Caribbean Court Kitchen provides nutritious, delicious, freshly prepared Caribbean meals delivered direct to our customers' homes.

Caribbean Catch Up provides online gatherings involving games, quizzes, music and chat. This aims to reduce the risk of social isolation and loneliness.

Our services are monitored by Leicester City Council and we comply with their Quality Assurance Framework.



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Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2024 Registered Charity No.
1182669 (CIO Registration)

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Legal and Administrative Information for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

Address:	Caribbean Court Day Centre 29 Sparkenhoe Street Leicester LE2 0TD
Registered Charity No:	1182669 (CIO Registration)
Secretary:	Lesley-May Olonode Sanneh
Trustees:	Vincent Blake - Chairperson Derek Rawle Gloria Daley Herma Hamilton Lesley-May Olonode Sanneh Charmaine Blake Michelle Lowe Sandra Stanley
Bankers:	Unity Trust Bank plc Four Brindleplace Birmingham B1 2JB
Independent Examiners:	Judith Brandon 24 Littlethorpe Willenhall Wood Coventry CV3 3GG

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

The trustees present their annual report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements. The financial statements have also been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7 and comply with the charities constitution and applicable accounting standards.

Leicester Jamacia Community Service Group was registered as a CIO Registration Charity on 28th March 2019 under number 1182669. The constitution dated 19th March 2019. All assets have now been transferred

On 2nd May 2022 the charity changed its name to The Caribbean Collective and will continued to be reregistered with the Charity Commission under the number 1182669. .

Objects of the Charity

1. To benefit the residents of the City of Leicester and surrounding districts by providing facilities and service for recreation, education and leisure-time occupation of life of these residents. These facilities and services will be provided without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions.
2. The relief of poverty and poor health amongst people resident in the City of Leicester and surrounding district by providing facilities and services calculated to relieve the needs of such persons.
3. The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds within the City of Leicester and sounding district..

Activities

The charity (also know as Caribbean Court) provides services that enhance the health and wellbeing of those aged over 50, with particular emphasis on the African/Caribbean heritage community. The charity also promotes understanding of people from diverse backgrounds and different ages by organizing cultural events. Our beneficiaries reside within the City of Leicester and surrounding district.

Organisation

The trustees who have served during the year are set out on page 1 and meet on a regular basis. The trustees have ultimate control over all the affairs of the charity.

Achievement and Performance

The statement of financial activities for the year is set out on page 5 of the financial statements. In summary, the incoming resources for the year amounted to £229,776 (2024 - £206,841), with the major portions of income come from grants and sales. The expenditure was £239,199 (2024 - £224,954), with the main expense being salaries, and general running costs.

Reserve Policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. This review encompassed the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the needs to match variable income with fixed commitments and the nature of the reserves

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2025 (Continued)

Risk management

The trustees conducts its own review of major risks to which the centre is exposed. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity and are as follows:

- an annual review of the risks which the charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified;
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should any of the risks materialise

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for financial year which shows a true and fair view of the charities financial activities during the year and to its financial position at the year end. In preparing financial statement the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply consistently;
- make judgment and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement;
- prepare the financial statement on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the applicable charity rulings. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiner

Brandon Accountancy have expressed their willingness to continue as examiners and a resolution for their re-appointment will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Signed 

Date 8-10-2025

Print Name DEREK RAWLE

Position TREASURER

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Independent Examiners' report to the Trustees of The Caribbean Collective in respect of the year ended 31st March 2024

I report on the account for the year ended 31st March 2024 set on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts, and consider that an audit is not required for the year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is required.

Having checked that the charity is eligible for and independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Direction given by the Charity Commission under Section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011;
- to state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis on the independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken does not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

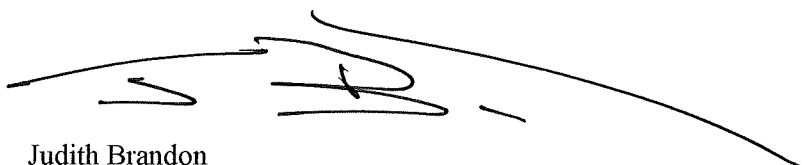
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below):

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have been met: or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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29th September 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

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Bank Interest		209	0	209	789
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Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

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Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets			0		0
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	200		0	
Cash at Bank	7	14,490		24,116	
		14,690		24,116	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors	5	0		700	
Net Current Assets			14,690		23,416
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Represented by:

Unrestricted Income Funds

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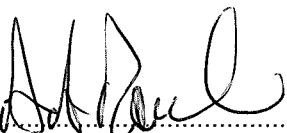
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Approved and signed on behalf of the trustees by:

Signature 

Date 8-10-2025

Print Name DEREK RAWLE

Position TREASURER

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Notes to the Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

Note 1 Accounting policies

- (a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) " Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2005 and other applicable accounting standards.
- (b) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and include in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.
- (c) Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.
- (d) Incoming resources from investments is included when receivable.
- (e) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.
- (f) Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.
- (g) Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life.
- (h) Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.
- (i) Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the management committee for particular purposes.
- (j) Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

Note 2 Taxation

As a charity, The Caribbean Collective is exempt from Corporation Tax on income and gains falling within Section 505 of the Taxation and Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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	Equipment Hire	1,189	0	1,189	1,012
	Food Catering & Refreshments	30,562	3,869	34,431	33,469
	Vehicle Expenses	6,720	0	6,720	10,846
	Activities & Entertainment	0	0	0	2,576
	Consultants & Professional Fees	4,980	0	4,980	1,774
	Volunteers Travel & Expenses	0	0	0	3,675
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Note 4	Management & Administration	£	£	£	£
	Fundraising Expenses	6,845	0	6,845	0
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	Premises Maintenance	317	0	317	288
	Cleaning	5,911	0	5,911	8,978
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	Administration	583	0	583	6,295
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	Year End Accounts	700	0	700	700
	Bank Charges	326	0	326	174
	General Expenses	8,934	2,507	11,441	13,295
		<u>27,517</u>	<u>5,419</u>	<u>32,936</u>	<u>51,628</u>
Note 5	Creditors	£	£	£	£
	Year End Accounts	700	0	700	700
		<u>700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>
Note 6	Debtors				
	Employees Loan	200	0	200	0
		<u>200..</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>0</u>
		2,025	2,024		
Note 7	Bank Accounts	£	£		
	Business Reserve Accounts	11,624	10,450		
	Current Accounts	2,865	13,665		
		<u>14,490</u>	<u>24,116</u>		

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Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2024 Registered Charity No.
1182669 (CIO Registration)

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Legal and Administrative Information for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

Address:	Caribbean Court Day Centre 29 Sparkenhoe Street Leicester LE2 0TD
Registered Charity No:	1182669 (CIO Registration)
Secretary:	Lesley-May Olonode Sanneh
Trustees:	Vincent Blake - Chairperson Derek Rawle Gloria Daley Herma Hamilton Lesley-May Olonode Sanneh Charmaine Blake Michelle Lowe Sandra Stanley
Bankers:	Unity Trust Bank plc Four Brindleplace Birmingham B1 2JB
Independent Examiners:	Judith Brandon 24 Littlethorpe Willenhall Wood Coventry CV3 3GG

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

The trustees present their annual report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements. The financial statements have also been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7 and comply with the charities constitution and applicable accounting standards.

Leicester Jamacia Community Service Group was registered as a CIO Registration Charity on 28th March 2019 under number 1182669. The constitution dated 19th March 2019. All assets have now been transferred

On 2nd May 2022 the charity changed its name to The Caribbean Collective and will continued to be reregistered with the Charity Commission under the number 1182669. .

Objects of the Charity

1. To benefit the residents of the City of Leicester and surrounding districts by providing facilities and service for recreation, education and leisure-time occupation of life of these residents. These facilities and services will be provided without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions.
2. The relief of poverty and poor health amongst people resident in the City of Leicester and surrounding district by providing facilities and services calculated to relieve the needs of such persons.
3. The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds within the City of Leicester and sounding district..

Activities

The charity (also know as Caribbean Court) provides services that enhance the health and wellbeing of those aged over 50, with particular emphasis on the African/Caribbean heritage community. The charity also promotes understanding of people from diverse backgrounds and different ages by organizing cultural events. Our beneficiaries reside within the City of Leicester and surrounding district.

Organisation

The trustees who have served during the year are set out on page 1 and meet on a regular basis. The trustees have ultimate control over all the affairs of the charity.

Achievement and Performance

The statement of financial activities for the year is set out on page 5 of the financial statements. In summary, the incoming resources for the year amounted to £229,776 (2024 - £206,841), with the major portions of income come from grants and sales. The expenditure was £239,199 (2024 - £224,954), with the main expense being salaries, and general running costs.

Reserve Policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. This review encompassed the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the needs to match variable income with fixed commitments and the nature of the reserves

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Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2025 (Continued)

Risk management

The trustees conducts its own review of major risks to which the centre is exposed. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity and are as follows:

- an annual review of the risks which the charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified;
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should any of the risks materialise

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for financial year which shows a true and fair view of the charities financial activities during the year and to its financial position at the year end. In preparing financial statement the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply consistently;
- make judgment and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement;
- prepare the financial statement on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the applicable charity rulings. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiner

Brandon Accountancy have expressed their willingness to continue as examiners and a resolution for their re-appointment will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Signed 

Date 8-10-2025

Print Name DEREK RAWLE

Position TREASURER

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Independent Examiners' report to the Trustees of The Caribbean Collective in respect of the year ended 31st March 2024

I report on the account for the year ended 31st March 2024 set on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts, and consider that an audit is not required for the year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is required.

Having checked that the charity is eligible for and independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Direction given by the Charity Commission under Section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011;
- to state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis on the independent examiners' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken does not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

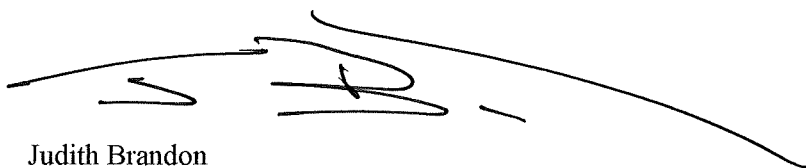
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below):

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have been met: or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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29th September 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	Inrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Income & Expenditure					
Incoming Resources:					
Sales		170,114	0	170,114	149,642
National Lottery Grant		0	35,776	35,776	35,810
Heritage Lottery Grant		0	9,500	9,500	0
Rental Income		13,200	0	13,200	15,660
Donations		0	0	0	0
Bank Interest		209	0	209	789
Other Income		975	0	975	4,940
Total Incoming Resources		184,498	45,276	229,773	206,841
Resources Expended:					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	3	154,593	50,702	205,295	170,497
Management & Administration	4	27,517	5,419	32,936	51,628
Publicity		969	0	969	2,829
Total Resources Expended		183,079	56,121	239,199	224,954
Net Movement in Funds		1,419	(-10,845)	(-9,426)	(-18,114)
Fund balance brought forward		8,380	15,736	24,116	41,530
Fund balance carried forward		9,799	4,891	14,690	23,416

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of this financial statement

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Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets			0		0
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	200		0	
Cash at Bank	7	14,490		24,116	
		14,690		24,116	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors	5	0		700	
Net Current Assets			14,690		23,416
Net Assets			<u>14,690</u>		<u>23,416</u>

Represented by:

Unrestricted Income Funds

General Purposes Fund	9,799	7,680
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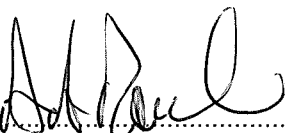
Restricted Income Funds

Natinal Lottery Grant	730	4,877
Heritage Lottery Grant	174	0
Dementia Program Board	3,987	10,859

Total Funds	<u>14,690</u>	<u>23,416</u>
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The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and follow the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on March 2005.

Approved and signed on behalf of the trustees by:

Signature 

Date 8-10-2025

Print Name DEREK RAWLE

Position TREASURER

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of this financial statement

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Notes to the Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

Note 1 Accounting policies

- (a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) " Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2005 and other applicable accounting standards.
- (b) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and include in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.
- (c) Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.
- (d) Incoming resources from investments is included when receivable.
- (e) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.
- (f) Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.
- (g) Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life.
- (h) Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.
- (i) Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the management committee for particular purposes.
- (j) Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

Note 2 Taxation

As a charity, The Caribbean Collective is exempt from Corporation Tax on income and gains falling within Section 505 of the Taxation and Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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Notes to the Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Note 3 Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Salaries and NIC	47,101	29,672	76,772	79,118
Pension	589	0	589	632
Recruitment	431	0	431	532
Sessional and Subcontractors	39,544	14,911	54,455	6,201
Rent	22,000	0	22,000	29,230
Rates	132	0	132	244
Telephone and Internet	1,347	0	1,347	1,189
Room Hire	0	2,250	2,250	0
Equipment Hire	1,189	0	1,189	1,012
Food Catering & Refreshments	30,562	3,869	34,431	33,469
Vehicle Expenses	6,720	0	6,720	10,846
Activities & Entertainment	0	0	0	2,576
Consultants & Professional Fees	4,980	0	4,980	1,774
Volunteers Travel & Expenses	0	0	0	3,675
	154,593	50,702	205,295	170,497
Note 4 Management & Administration	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Expenses	6,845	0	6,845	0
I T Equipment and Support	2,149	0	2,149	1,491
Premises Maintenance	317	0	317	288
Cleaning	5,911	0	5,911	8,978
Licence and Subscriptions	184	0	184	0
Administration	583	0	583	6,295
Training Costs	100	0	100	1,004
Printing, Post and Stationery	321	0	321	134
Insurance	1,120	0	1,120	1,131
Travel & Transport Costs	27	2,912	2,939	15,566
Development Fees	0	0	0	2,571
Year End Accounts	700	0	700	700
Bank Charges	326	0	326	174
General Expenses	8,934	2,507	11,441	13,295
	27,517	5,419	32,936	51,628
Note 5 Creditors	£	£	£	£
Year End Accounts	700	0	700	700
	700	0	700	700
Note 6 Debtors				
Employees Loan	200	0	200	0
	200..	0	200	0
Note 7 Bank Accounts	£	£		
Business Reserve Accounts	11,624	10,450		
Current Accounts	2,865	13,665		
	14,490	24,116		